Archived Webinar: Advocacy
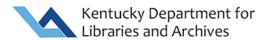
Advocacy is telling your library's story, making it real, making it easier for stakeholders – legislators, elected officials, school partners – to engage with all of the wonderful things you're doing for your community. It's also a way to make sure that libraries and the good work we're doing are top-of-mind when it comes to decisions that affect libraries, at the state and local levels. Advocacy is an important responsibility of library administrators, leaders, and citizens.

Directors Dave Schroeder and Jean Ruark discussed what issues may be on the legislators' radar in the next legislative session, and the why and how of advocacy.

This archived webinar is available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6fbxyxgNOdU. For library staff who need CE credits, we recommend accessing it through the KDLA Online Learning for Public Libraries program!

Collaborative Summer Library Program's Summer Symposium

CSLP is excited to announce their first Summer Symposium, a free virtual conference for all library staff that are interested in summer programming. The symposium will be held Thursday, December 2, 2021, from 11:30 am – 4:30 pm (EST). Register here.

Learn more at: *https://www.cslpreads.org/summer-symposium/*.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Formula Grants

Don't forget that KDLA is distributing federal grant money from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, funded by the American Rescue Plan Act. These non-competitive formula grants reimburse your library's Kentucky Virtual Library (KYVL) membership, but they can additionally be used for a variety of other purposes in expanding digital connectivity, addressing pandemic-related health and safety protocols, and generally supporting library services that meet needs in your community. There are some limitations on what the funds can be used for, but this grant is quite generous in scope.

The deadline to submit applications for an ARPA formula grant is **December 15**. For a copy of the application, or for further questions, contact your regional consultant or Beth Milburn (Beth.Milburn@ky.gov). Lauren Abner (Lauren.Abner@ky.gov) is also available to help you with leveraging E-rate, Emergency Connectivity Fund, and/or ARPA for certain tech expenses – internet, laptops/tablets, internal networking equipment and cabling, etc.

KDLA Sample Policy Page Updates

Last month, we told you about updates we'd made to KDLA's Director's Toolkit page. This month, we've made similar changes to our Sample Policy index, bringing all our sample policies onto one page so they're easier to get to. https://kdla.ky.gov/librarians/librarypolicies/Pages/default.aspx.

In addition, we've been systematically going through the policies themselves to update and streamline them. As always, if you need help with crafting or editing a policy, feel free to contact your regional consultant!

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